A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO 42-1
FISK UNIV.

Mrs. Lucy D. Barnum

Ft. Simcoe July 2d. 1862.

Mr. Whipple. 1862.

Dear Sir

When I was at your rooms in N.Y. I was on my way to Washington Territory to join my husband who had been appointed Indian Agent at Ft. Simcoe. We first met at Vancouver where he told me of the outrage that had been committed there. It made me feel and tell nothing compared to what I have felt since arriving here. The Rev Mr Wilbur - a devoted pious man was laboring here as a missionary and a very promising field of usefulness was opening before him. He had a school of about twenty Indian children who were making rapid improvement. He also instructed the adults in agriculture - going to their farms and teaching by precept and example how to plough and sow - working with and for them with all his might. Efforts were also made to teach the Indi

women to knit and sew and to keep themselves and their houses in a neat orderly condition. Mr W. preached to the Indians every Sabbath thro' an interpreter. had a large S.S. and two prayer meetings during the week. My husband was trying to promote these good objects and visited and endeavored to inculcate such lessons on the observation as would aid in Christianizing the Indians. About this time the Supt of Ind Affairs - Mr Hurlait arrived with a determination to banish every thing of a religious nature from the place. He accordingly discharged Mr and Mrs Wilbur and almost every other pious person and ordered them to leave the Res at once.

Mr W. asked permission to remain and labor without expense to the Government but was told "things would not harmonize if he remained."

No new doctrine, that good and evil can not harmonize but one which has been continually proved since the beginning of the world. Such is the

man our Gov sent to attend to the rights
of the Inds in these ends of the earth.
May the Lord stop him in his
mad career and may he repent of
things and forsake his sins is the prayer of
many of God's children. Mr H. went to
the Dalles on the Columbia River and on our
arrival there invited us to his house.
He told us many interesting things
about the Indians and showed us
specimens of their writing and draw-
ing which were truly wonderful con-
sidering they had only been attending
school about a year. He read us a
letter just rec'd from one of the Inds
pleading with him to return and
asking if the President still they had
no hearts, to take away from them,
for they loved so much. Mr H. said
they had been praying for a long time,
God would send a pious Agent to
them. And he says "You can hardly im-
agine with what a thrill of joy, I
learned your husband was a praying
man". Then are two plain reasons why

Mr Kendall and his friends wished to drive all good persons from this Rep.
In the first place they do not love the religion of the meek and lowly Saviour - and in the second they can not pursue their wrong doings as unrestrainedly.
Mr K. said there was no doubt this was a warfare between righteousness and unrighteousness and he felt sure the right would prevail. I wondered how he could have so much faith when everything looked so dark, but that "iron will" "stern good and upright gifts" was given in answer to fervent effectual prayer - he says he would use nothing "else" this side of heaven than to labor among the poor souls around Jericho. (Are my responses N.H. I can't.) I was real sad for the time and did not open the little package she gave me at the Miss Rooms until near the Isthmus. It then occurred to me that might be something contained in the package to make me forget my sufferings. I soon found the "History of the A. M. A." I laid down and commenced reading and soon my pains were all forgotten - the tears began to flow & I was wondering by what means I could best promote the prosperity of that early so nobly commenced work &

U.S.M.A. ARCHIVES
H2-1A

Mrs A Palmer from
Aug
1862
Mrs A A Bancroft 1/3
Box 2 Princeton Mass. Jan.
Buffalo Aug. 25. 1862.

Gen. Whipple.

Very dear Sir.

Will you please acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed $5. to Mrs. Harlow Palmer Buffalo, that I may inform my Mother Mrs. Bancroft of the fact.

Yours &c, Mrs. A. Palmer.

P.S. As the Com. Middlemarch is sent to me, it will be unnecessary for you to send it to Miss Annie as my mother requests.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-2
FISK UNIV.

sometimes think is doing more good to
[illegible] other society in the world.
Perhaps I know but little
about the good that is done by other so-
cieties but this one I often think lies
nearer my heart than any other object on
Earth, and this is my reason for thus
writing you for, I thought who will
sympathize more with us in our discour-
agements among the Inds than those who
feel so much for the poor oppressed
ones at home. Not long since I went
several miles to attend an Ind funeral.
How sad it made me feel to behold
their wretchedness. There are many things
of interest occurring frequently. They
often come to the Agent to settle their
difficulties and generally submit very
cheerfully to his decision even when
against them. One chief came saying
he had given 27 horses for a wife but
she ran away returning to her father
and now he wanted the horses back.
Not long ago, a very venerable Chief
came about 200 miles to attend the

distribution of annuity goods. It seems that in his youth he came in contact with some Missionaries who taught him the way of salvation. We trust he then learned to love the Saviour.

He addressed the S. School through an interpreter telling them what great privileges they were enjoying. and hoping they would improve them. [superscript] appreciate

He came to our house the morning he left just as we were through breakfast to get a saddle and some other things the Agent had promised him. We gave him some breakfast but before partaking of it he bent over his plate and murmured some words in his own language evidently asking a blessing. On rising to leave we gave him a package of lunch for his journey. He seemed much pleased in extended his hand raised his eyes to Heaven asking a blessing [overwritten] Choral upon us. I felt that the witnessing of this scene almost repaid me for the long journey here. I send five dollars. Please pay Mr Goodell for the

Principia and keep what remains.

I would like the "History of the A. M. A." sent to Henry Johnston of New Haven and to Miss Anne Palmer of Buffalo and one sent to us or anything else you think would interest the people here in your society.

I expect soon to make our youngest daughter a life member of your society. Please send the certificate to Prince W. Tenley. I mention this because I do not expect to write again.

I expect my father Mr Curtis Howe will do the business. I see Hubert H. Bancrofts name in the Catalogue is put down as residing in Washington Territory. It should be San Francisco.

May you never lack the means of doing good. I think if parents would make their children life members of this society it would be a better legacy than silver or gold.

Kendall is at last removed — and a better man put in his place.

Mr Wilbur has returned - He has gone into the woods about ten miles distant - with about a dozen lads to teach and help them cut and haul logs to the mill to build themselves houses. Many of the families which were driven away have returned and we hope the good work will go on. Oh that good people may be sent to these poor degraded ones and the wicked white people who do them so much harm be banished entirely -

Yours truly

Lucy D. Bancroft.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. _____
FISK UNIV.

Mrs. A. B. Gove
Techelet. W. T.
Sept. 25. 1865.

Techelet Wash Ter
Sept 25th /65

N.A.M.E. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-3
FISK UNIV.

W. C. Shirley

My Dear Sir

I take pleasure in forwarding my son, Marcus, to you, for a letter of recommendation, to the Board of Commissioners of the United States Naval Academy. He is the candidate from this Ter. & is instructed by that Board, to come well recommended by pastors & teachers.

My heart overflows with thankfulness, that in this fast age, I find no trouble in gaining testimonials to the worth of my sons, yes, & my daughter also.

God grant that through coming years of temptation, early education & early instilled principles of truth, & righteousness, may triumph, & bring forth fruits in their experience.

It may encourage your heart to know that your instructions went far in forming their moral character, directly in part & indirectly in part, their mother being an intermediate agent.

You will oblige me exceedingly if when you meet with the Rev. George Whipple you will give him any loving remembrance as having strengthened my failing hope & quickened my wavering faith, when each had a struggle in any sort for life.

He probably has never known the comfort & strength his few but powerful words gave me. His reward is sure.

I had no intention of writing at such length.

With kind regards to yourself & your worthy wife,

I remain

Yours affy,

Mrs A. B. Cox

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO #2-4
FISK UNIV.

Per Cushing Eells
Spl. 1866 Walla Walla
2441 Wash. Ter.
$5

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Walla Walla W.T.
April 20. 1866.

William E. Whiting Esq.
Assistant Treasurer
of American Miss. Asso-
ciation

Sir.

Inclosed please find $5. in Legal Tender to be applied in accordance with the judgement of those who have supervision of the finances of the above named Society.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Fraternally Yours
Cushing Eells.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. 425 FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. _____ FISK UNIV.

Mrs Lucretia A. Wilbur
Port Simcoe
W. I.
611
$30=
Am 6/66

Port Simcoe W.I Nov 6th 1866

Mr Wm E Whiting

Sir

I send you thirty dollars which is to make Mrs Matilda Doane of Salem, Oregon, a life Member of the American Missionary Association

Please send to her the American Missionary. P O Salem Oregon

and oblige

Lucretia A Wilbur

June 15, 1867

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 42-6
FISK UNIV.

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, June 15 th. 1867

Rev. George Whipple,

Corr. Secy Am. Miss Assoc.,

New York City,

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12 th inst, and of the 5000 Temperance Pledges forwarded that date, and to inform you that 3000 of the same have this day been forwarded to the Assistant Commissioners of the different states for such distribution as will best promote the cause of Temperance among the freedpeople of the South. The balance have been retained at this Office.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Isaac A Bemis

Actg Chief Clerk Bureau of Refugees &c

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.
June 15/67

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-6A
FISK UNIV.

Mrs Lucretia A Wilbur
Fort Lemoyne
W. T.
1633
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March 68.

Fort Lemoyne W T March 2d 1868

Mr W C Whiting

Please accept the enclosed thirty dollars $30 to constitute Miss Eliza Jorman a life member of the American Missionary Association direct the Certificate & the American Missionary to Miss Eliza Jorman Corvallis Oregon

& Oblige

Lucretia A Wilbur

Rev. Cushing Eells
Walla Walla W. T.
July 2. 1868.
Rec. ack. 23 41
$5

E. Fletcher Esq.
Treasurer of
Amer. Miss. Soc.

Sir.

Enclosed please find a money order of $5 a donation to the American Missionary.

Respectfully Yours.
Cushing Eells.

Rev. Cushing Eells
Walla Walla W. T.
Nov. 8/69.
1072
Ack 75—

Walla Walla W. T.
Nov. 5th 1869.

E. Peckham Esq.
Treas. A. M. A. Asso.

Sir.

Inclosed please observe indication that you may receive five dollars for the use of the American Missionary Association.

Respectfully Yours.
Cushing Eells.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 42-7
N.Y. UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
No. H2-8
FISK U.

Rev. Cushing Eells
Walla Walla
Wash Ter.

March 7/71

Walla Walla W. T.
March 7th 1871.

E. Peckham Esq.
Treas. A. M. Asso.

Dear Sir.

Inclosed please note intimation that Five Dollars in currency, await your call. May the same aid, tho' it be small, in the work of elevating the oppressed while nominally free.

Pardon a possible unwelcome intrusion while I state, that in my judgement the contents of the American Missionary deserve the patient consideration, not only of the Christian,

& Philanthropist, but also
of the Statesman.
The evidence that the Di-
vine favor attends the
prosecution of your work,
is cheering. Other facts
cause painful solicitude,
but they should not be withheld.
Those who bear the reproach
of Christ will be remembered
by an all knowing & tenderly
sympathizing friend.
Yours truly
Cushing Eells.

#12971

G.

N.W.T.L. ARCHIVES NO. H2-9 FISK UNIV.

Seattle W. T.
April 11th 1871

Rev. Edw P. Smith

Dear Sir

Your letters up to the 18th ult. have been duly rec'd. I had filled up the second bond and had it approved when I learned from the acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs that my nomination had been reconsidered. From all the sources of information at hand I was led to believe that this had been done by the political intrigue of the present incumbent Mr. King, who is in some way connected by marriage with Gen. Mc Kinney the Supt. of Indian Affairs for this Territory. His right hand man is Senator Nye of Nevada. He is also able to command a good deal of influence from the Democrats as it is

father I understand is a member of the Tammany ring in New York. I mistrusted that they had slyly on some pretext got my nomination referred back to the Committee where they designed it should lie until Congress should adjourn and by this means King would hold his place, consequently I sent you the telegram I did last week. I am not an office seeker, but after things had gone so far I did not like to have any management of that kind defeat me. So far as King is concerned I think it is very safe to say that he is inefficient and unscrupulous. That he is entirely unfit for the position and if allowed to remain in, the new policy of the President will be entirely defeated. I fear that the politicians will succeed in deceiving the President and if they do perhaps it would be well for

some influential Senator to confer with the President in regard to it even after Congress has adjourned, for he might then see fit to remove King and make an appointment subject to the confirmation of Congress at their next meeting. If he is once out I hardly think he will make much of a fight to get in again. However in all this matter I would not have you feel that I am personally very anxious about it, although it is a little provoking to have things go so far and then get upset. If it is done by means of rascality it may be our duty to use all means readily available to defeat it. It will probably be quite late before this reaches you and the status of matters may then be entirely different. I merely make these as suggestions. Senator Corbett of Oregon would I think do what he could in the matter.

Very Respectfully Yours &c

Edwin Ells

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-10
UNIV.

Seattle W. T.
April. 18. 1871

Rev E. P. Smith

Dear Sir

Since writing to you last week I have written to Rev Dr. Atkinson requesting him to write to and secure the influence of Senator Corbett of Oregon Wilson of Mass. & Buckingham of Conn to act in the way I mentioned to you. I have also written to Mr. Garfield our Delagate in Congress in regard to the matter. The newspapers here are taking the matter up & making quite fuss over it. I presume under any

circumstances it will not be proper to use the Bond which I sent you & it will be a satisfaction to my bondsmen if you will have the goodness to return it. I hope to hear from you in relation to the whole matter as I am now at a loss to understand it. I learn from the papers that some new man has been appointed but do not have the information reliable at all.

I Am Very
Respectfully Yours &c
E Edwin Eells.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-11
FISK UNIV.

Rec'd Cushing Eells 688
Y.S.

Skokomish
Mason Co. Wash. Ter.
Dec. 9th 1872.

Edgar Fitchum Esq.
Treas. A. M. Association

Dear Sir.

Inclosed, please note indication, that five dollars in currency await your call. It is desired the money named be applied to favor the objects of the above Assc.

Six copies of the American Missionary have been sent to me at Walla Walla Wash. Ter. Please direct the package to me at this place & oblige

Yours respectfully
Cushing Eells.

A. M. A. NO. H2-12 FISK UNIV.

Jan. 1st 1873.

Dear Sir.

The nearest Money Order P. O. is distant thirty miles. Much of the way is passable only upon horse back. We are liable to encounter water in which the horse must swim. I have failed to send by satisfactory conveyance what I execute three weeks ago, and am ashamed to wait longer. — will inclose five dollars in Currency, and have the letter registered. A trip to the nearest P. O. and back will occupy two hours. Truly Yours.

G. Eells.

Rev. Cushing Eells
Skokomish Agency
W.T.

Apl. 22/74
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No. 4/11
$10

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W.T.
April 22. 1874.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-13
FISK UNIV.

Edgar Ketchum Esq.
Treas. A. M. Asso..n.

Sir.

Inclosed please note intimation that ten dollars in currency await your call to be applied according to the needs of the American Missionary Association.

Yours truly
Cushing Eells.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 42-14
FISK UNIV.

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W. T.
Jan. 28th 1875

Wm. E. Whiting
Assistant Treasurer
American Miss. Association

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find money order for Sixteen and 65/100 ($16.65) Dollars as a contribution from The Congregational Mission Church of Christ in Skokomish for the benefit of the American Missionary Association.

Very Respectfully
Edwin Eells
Clerk & Treasurer of
C. M. C. C. S.

"

Also Five ($5.00) Dollars from Rev. Cushing Eells Skokomish. Mason Co. W. T. contributed for the same object making total $21.65.

" E.E.

Edwin Eells
Skokomish Agency
1155
$21.65
1/28/75
Ans

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-15
FISK UNIV.

Edwin Ells
Dec. 14/75
125
Skokomish Agency
Rec'd

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W. T.
Dec. 14. 1875

W. E. Whiting
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Eighteen ($18.00) currency Dollars collection of the Cong[l] Mission Church of Christ in Skokomish $16.30 and Sabbath School $1.70. for the benefit of the American Missionary Association.

Yours Respectfully
Edwin Ells
Church Clerk

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-16
FISK UNIV.

Per Cushing Eells

3/8/76

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. Wash. Terr
March 8th 1876.

12.28
$10 —

Wm E. Whiting Esq.

Dear Sir.

Inclosed please note indication that ten dollars in currency await your call which have the grounds to apply in payment for the American Missionary in monthly package of six copies sent to me, or otherwise as shall please those who direct.

Respectfully
Cushing Eells.

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W. T.
May 29. 1876

Wm E. Whiting Esq.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Money Order for $23.75 amt contributed for the use and benefit of the American Missionary Association by the Congregational Mission Church of Christ in Skokomish and Sabbath School.

Yours Respectfully
Edwin Eells
Church Clerk.

Edwin Eells
Skokomish Agency
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$23.75
May 29. 1876

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-17
FISK UNIV.

Rev. Cushing Eells 387
Skokomish Agency 30.00
Skokomish Agency Wash Ter.
Mason Co. Wash. Terr. Dec. 1. 1876
December 1st 1876. ~ ans

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-18
FISK UNIV.

Mr. Wm E. Whiting
Assist. Treas. A. M. Asso.

Sir.

Inclosed please note indication that thirty dollars in currency await your call. It is desired that said thirty dollars be applied to constitute Rev Cushing Eells a Life Member of the American Missionary Association

Gratefully Yours.
Cushing Eells.

1745
15.50

M. A. ARCHIVES
No. H2-19
FIFE COLLEGE

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W. T.
May 14. 1877

Edgar Ketchum Esq
Treasurer A. M. A.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find money order for Fifteen and 50/100 ($15.50/11) Dollars contributed by The Congregational Mission Church in Skokomish and Sabbath School for the benefit of your society.

Yours Respectfully
Edwin Eells
Church Clerk &
Treasurer.

1745
$15.50
Edwin Eells
Skokomish Agency
Mason Co.
W. T.
May 14 - 1877.

W. D. HALEY. JOHN H. McGRAW.

American House.

Mill Street, Head of Yesler's Wharf.

Haley & McGraw, Proprietors.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-20
FISK UNIV.

Seattle, W. T., July 7th 1877

Rev. M E Strieby D.D.
56 Reade St N.Y.

My dear Bro.

Yours concerning the lot &c reached me just as I was off for a vacation trip, for health & other reasons, to Washington Territory. The lot is not sold & but as soon as return, or soon as We learn how you will have the deed made out, we will make & send it as by you directed – the property is in Mrs. T. name & so she is the principal person to deal with, She is still in Antioch Cal. I am greatly delighted with the climate, products & opening fields for usefulness here & now expect to put down a stake here on this magnificent Sound. Pro the Master. you may address me here. Yours &c E. O. Tade

Rev. E. O. Dade
Seattle
W. T.

7-21-77

Respectfully referred
to Asst. Treas.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. #2-21
FISK UNIV.

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15 00/100 Skokomish Agency
W. T.
Nov. 6/77

Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W. T.
Nov. 6. 1877

H. W. Hubbard Esq
Asst. Treas. A.B. Reade St N.Y.

Sir

Enclosed please find money order for $15.00 contributed for your Society by the Congregational Mission Church of Christ in Skokomish W. T.

Yours Respectfully
Edwin Eells
Clerk & Treasurer
"

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10 00/100

Skokomish Mason Co. W. T. Jan 22 1878.

A.
NO. H2-22
FISK UNIV.

H. W. Hubbard Esq.

Sir.

Inclosed please note indication that ten dollars in currency await your call. Said sum will pay for six copies of the American Missionary sent to my address viz. for their continuance during the year 1878. The remainder is designed as a donation to the Amer. Mis. Association

Respectfully and gratefully
Your fellow laborer.
Cushing Eells.

1138
$10 00/100
Rev Cushing Eells
Skokomish W.T.
Jany 22/78

FISK UNIV. NO. H2-23 ARCHIVES

W. 1182
White River Wash Ter
Rev Samuel Greene
White River Febiy 4/78
Febiy 4/78 Wash. Ter.

C. C. Hubbard Esq Asst Treas
Am. Missy Association
56 Reade St N. Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you
Three 55 100 Dollars as
the A. M. A's share of
our weekly offering for
the 3 months ending Jany 31st
1878— Please let so much
as is needed pay for the
3 Copies of the "American Missionary"
to the addresses given herein
and the remainder to the
general treasury of your
Association—

We are a small company
of Eleven members but this
will put a copy of your
Magazine into each family &

prepare the way &
trust for larger benevolence
in future years
Truly Yours
Samuel Greene
Acting pastor White River Cong'l Ch.

Name	Address	
Geo. R. E. Monk	White River	Wash Ter
Mrs Robert Shinn	" "	
S. H. Foster	Seattle	

Please let my copy continue
as heretofore
A.G.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-24
FISK UNIV.

V. Holt
ack

White River Wash^n Terry
June 5th 1878

H. W. Hubbard Asst. Treas. A. M. A.
56 Reade St. New York

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you $3,80 as the Weekly offerings of the White River Cong^l Church, to June 1st to your Association. Our prayers go with this little sum for the Masters service —

Respectfully
Mrs. S. E. Greene
Treas W. R. Cong^l Ch.

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$3.50/100

Mrs L. E. Greene

White River

W. T.

June 5/77

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-25
FISK UNIV.

Skokomish. Mason Co. Wash. Ter.
Aug 20. 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.
Sec. Am. Miss. Assoc.
Dear Sir.

I believe that on the first of Sept. there will be due me $200.00. Will you have the kindness to pay one hundred dollars to the A. B. C. F. M. thirty dollars to the A. H. M. Soc. and keep seventy dollars for the A. M. A. Acknowledging the latter as a legacy from Mrs M. F. Eells of Skokomish. W. T. With it please constitute Mrs Sarah M. Eells and Miss Ida. M. Eells. both of

Skokomish. Mason Co. Wash.
Ter. life members of the
A. M. A. Mrs R. F. Eells
has recently died & left these
amounts to these Societies. &
if convenient I would be
pleased to have it thus paid
as I am to receive the amount
here. Please send the certifi-
cates of membership to me.
I will write the other societies
about it to day.

I will send you my annual
report by the 1st of Sept.

Yours Very Sincerely
Myron Eells.

Skokomish. Mason Co. Wash. Ter.
March. 7. 1882.

Rev. M. E. Strieby. D.D.
Cor. Sec. A. M. A.
Dear Bro.

I send you with this a few items for the Am. Missionary. if you think best to use them.

Will you have the kindness to send me the $100.00. due me for the quarter ending Dec. 1. 1881.

Yours Sincerely
M. Eells.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO 42-26
FISK UNIV.

Rev. Myron Eells
S'kokomish,
W. T.
Mch. 7, 1882.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. H2-27
FISK UNIV.

Skokomish. Mason Co. Wash. Ter.
Apr. 14. 1882.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.
Cor. Sec. A. M. A.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 29th with draft for $100.00 is to-day received. Please accept my sincere thanks. I enclose receipt - signed.

I expect to start for Dungineas on 19th. May possibly organize the members there into a church. as there are already 7 members there with five more who wish to join.

Fraternally
M. Eells.

Rev. M. Eells
S'Kokomish, W.T.
April 14, 1882

A.B.C.F.M. ARCHIVES
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HOUGHTON LIBRARY

Skokomish. Mason Co. Wash. T.
Apr 18. 1882.

Rev. M. E. Strieby. D.D.
Cor. Sec. A. M. A.
Dear Sir

To day my brother received a letter from Hon J. K. Brents. Delegate to Congress from this Territory in which he says that the Indian Appropriation Bill, as it is likely to pass, consolidates five of the Agencies in this Territory into two & that my brother is likely to be relieved. I suppose it is in accordance with the recommendation of Inspector Pollock about which I wrote you near a year ago. Of course I would be very glad to see my brother continued as one of the two who are to remain, at least another year, until the expiration of this present term & if it is not too late would respectfully request any influence which you might feel willing to give in the matter. But my main object in writing is to see if any influence can be brought to bear to keep this Agency from going to the Catholics. As yet I have not seen the bill, & do not know whether it designates what Agents are to be retain-

Rev. Myron Eells
Pl. Washington Ter.
2. Wash. Ter.
April 1882.

ed, or whether it is left in the hands of the Sec. of the Interior, or in some other way be determined in the near future. The bill has been sent to my brother & will probably arrive in a few days. Were I to delay until it comes, it might affect what I write you; but I expect to leave tomorrow for Dungeness, to be absent two weeks, & were I to delay until my return, it might be too late to accomplish anything, although now I write somewhat in the dark.

If the two agencies west of the Cascade Mountains are consolidated into two, it would be somewhat natural to join the ones at Neah Bay & Quinaielt on the Coast together, both of which are nominally under the Methodists, but actually under Episcopal Agents, & the Nisqually (Presbyterian) Tulalip, (Catholic) & this together. As the Tulalip numbers more Indians than both of the others & as the Catholics are very wide awake I much fear we shall be left under their Agent.

I deprecate this for two reasons. First. I believe him to be a very unsuitable man. He was a Saloon keeper, before he was appointed Agent, & still drinks, if I am not mistaken & if common reports are true, his Indians have had him locked up for being drunk, since he has been Agent.

But aside from this it seems to me that

if the R. Catholics shall send a school-teacher here, to be in charge, as well as teach the children, & compel them to attend their services, we might almost as well give up, as it would so divide things as to render our work very small. This I do not wish to do if it is possible to hold on. It would seem to me like throwing away all the work I have done during the past 7 or 8 years. I presume you would likewise feel that it would be losing the more than $2000.00 you have spent here.

During the past few months affairs here have been more encouraging than for some time previous. Last year there were several things that were discouraging. Last Communion three joined our church & one the Communion before, from our school & graduates. Some of the older Indians have also taken more interest, asking for a prayer meeting among them away from the Agency, & an extra service on the Sabbath, so that I have held more services since the first of January, than ever before during the same length of time, averaging almost one a day. Several of these families have begun praying in their homes. Two of our young men, who have been in school, at the request of the older Indians, have begun teaching them about religion, & taking part in the services when I am present, & take charge entirely of some

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of the services during my absence. I have been planning to soon give them a little training in theology & Christian work, so that they may grow into Christian teachers.

Then at Dunginess, where I expect to go this week, five wish to unite with the church, so many that I wish as I wrote you last week, with these there I have thought it will probably be best to organize them into a church by themselves. I shall fully decide that point when I get there.

All of these things make me feel that it will be best to hold on here much as possible as at present, & if the Catholics can be kept out, it seems to me as if fruits enough can be realized to abundantly reward the work & expense.

I trust you may be able to do something in the matter, either yourself personally, or through some one friendly to us and influential, either Gen. O. H. Howard - Inspector, or some member of the Board of Commissioners. I have thought of writing Inspector Howard, also, but do not know but he may be off on official business & so have thought that you will know best through whom to work. Yours very Respectfully & Sincerely

M. Ellis. Mission

Skokomish. Mason Co. Wash. Ter.
June 15. 1882.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.
Cor. Sec. A. M. A

Dear Sir.

I report that sixteen dollars and fifty cents has been contributed to the American Miss.y Assoc.n by the Congregational Mission Church at Skokomish. which I have received. Will you have the kindness to send me eighty three dollars & fifty cents. balance due me for the quarter ending March 1.st 1882.

Sincerely Yours.
M. Eells.
Missionary.

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Skokomish Mason Co. Wash.
Sept 1. 1882.

Rev. M. E. Strieby. D. D.
Cor Sec A. M. A.

Dear Sir-

I send you the following as my report for the year ending with date

1st Statistical report.
Skokomish Church. Number of male members. whites 6 Indians 8 - females whites 10 Indians 7. total 31 - of whom 13 are absentees. Dismissed by letter 11. Added by letter 2. on Profession 5 total 7. Baptisms adult 4 infant 2. Average attendance on Sabbath School

47. with a total enrollment of 56. Average attendance on Church Prayer meeting 30 - on other Prayer meeting among the Indians ~~20~~ 36. Average attendance on Public worship 67. Families under pastoral care 52. Contributions for benevolence. A. B. C. F. M. $28.15. A. H. M. S. 18.85 A. M. A. 39.25 A. Bible Soc. 14.60 Other objects 108. Total 208.95. For Congregational expenses. Pastors sup 223.90 S. S. expenditures 18.20 Grand Total $451.05

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Church at Jamestown Number of male members. Indians and half breeds. 7. Females white 1. Indian 3. Total 11. Added by letter 7. on Profession 4. total 11. Baptisms

adult 4. infant 1. Sabbath school enrollment 50. average attendance ~~=~~ 35. Average attendance on public worship 50. — on prayer meeting 25. Families under pastoral care 40.

2 Additional items. The church at Skokomish has decreased in numbers, for it has granted seven letters to members who have been living at Jamestown near Dungeness and a new church has been organized there. Several white persons who have been in Government employ have moved away and their places filled with Indians and on account of this some letters have been granted. and yet the membership in the

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whole field has increased.
There has been considerable
religious interest among the
Indians. owing to two causes.
one that other Indians on other
reservations have been more
interested than usual and
the intercourse of these with
those tribes has caused a simi-
lar interest here. - the other is
that the most severe sickness
which has visited the reserva-
tion since my residence here
came upon us last winter -
Seventy cases of sickness and
ten deaths in about two months
had a good effect religiously.
This additional interest has
caused increased work so
that I now hold prayer meet-
ings at two different logging
camps. regularly. Some of

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our young people are taking hold of the work and are at times holding meetings with the Indians during my necessary absence.

As has already been intimated a new church was organized ~~Nov~~ April 30: 1882. at Jamestown, near Dungeness. Seven of whom, although residing there have been members at Skokomish, heretofore. The others have joined on profession of faith. New hymns have been made in the Twana and Clallam languages, the native languages of the Indians. Hitherto we have used hymns in the Chinook language, which is generally understood by most of the Indians, yet ~~tho~~ it is

by no means so good a language to convey religious truth as the native languages of the Indians.

Governmental changes are taking place which affect us. A year ago most of the white employés were discharged and Indians, at reduced pay, put in their places. This year the three agencies, including ten reservations on Puget Sound, have been consolidated under one Agent, and ours has been selected as the one. We are thankful that he has thus been selected, and that the Indians in the region have made such advances that one agent can govern them. Still our church will lose an efficient mem-

ber, as he will have to remove to some place more central to his whole field. It is worthy of remark that while we have during the year, because of the discharge of the white employees, lost several efficient members, yet the amount contributed for the Pastors support has been made up by the Indians.

Yours Respectfully
Myron Eells.
Missionary.

P.S. I have named some things already reported & published so as to make the annual report complete. Will you have the kindness to send me the $100. as due me for the quarter ending May 31. 82.
M. Eells.

M. Ebbs
Skokomish
Sept. 1, 1882.

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Skokomish Agency
Mason Co. W. T.
Sept. 23. 1882

Rev M. E. Strieby
Secy A. M. A.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your card of the 5th inst. just rec'd I have to say, That my brother Rev. Myron Eells has given you in his annual report the most important facts regarding the religious work among the Indians under my charge. As is intimated in his report, on the 1st of July 1881, all the working men employed at this Agency for the last fifteen or twenty years were dismissed by order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and their places were filled by Indians, - young men who had grown up with us, attended our schools, worked in our shops as apprentices and were thus prepared to take the white men's places at the Agency. This indicates the advance which these Indians have made in the past ten or twelve years.

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The experiment, for such it might be considered, has proved measurably successful. The young men have performed their duties with fair success. Being quite young most of them, and lacking age and experience, it has been necessary for the Agent to personally superintend more of their work, than heretofore, when whites were employed; but taking all the circumstances into consideration, they have done as well as the same number of white boys would have done of similar age, education and surroundings.

There have been two schools in successful operation during the year;-one a boarding school at the Agency, and the other a day school at Jamestown, among the S'Klallam tribe of Indians about one hundred miles distant from the Agency. The attendance has been good and the advancement satisfactory. Having succeeded in obtaining teachers of rather a higher order than heretofore, the schools have been correspondingly more successful. A very unusual amount of sickness prevailed among the scholars of both schools during a considerable part of the winter and some died, — a number also have been married, thus decreasing the total attendance

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however
which has partially been made up by ~~so~~ and younger ones. The average attendance of the boarding school for ten months of the year has been 28 3/4, - largest attendance for any one month 37. - whole number of different scholars during the year 42. On the Day School the average attendance for ten months has been 16. - largest attendance any one month 23, - whole number of different scholars during the year 27. On this latter school the scholars all live at their own homes, and some of them walk three or four miles to school.

During the present season business of all kinds has been very good, and money plenty. Vice and drunkenness have correspondingly increased among the whites and also among those Indians who do not live on the Reservation. In this respect it has been a bad year for the Indians. They are surrounded and come in contact with the worst classes of our white population who ensnare and debase them. Notwithstanding these drawbacks however, the Indians generally in this vicinity do gradually gain from year to year. Their habits of industry increase, their mode of living improves, and their intelligence increases. Vices kill off the worst ones and the survivors grow better.

Congress has now abolished this Agency and consolidated it with two others, thus putting ten different reservations under the care and supervision of one agent. This matter of economy on the part of the Government has been made practicable by the advance of the Indians, and their law abiding and orderly habits. By this change, after a little over eleven years of continuous service, my residence at this Agency and among these Indians will soon terminate. Although still having control of them, my personal intercourse with them will not be so frequent as heretofore. I feel that I have much to be thankful for, - that the kind providence of an Allwise Ruler has done so much to aid me in my duties. I could wish I might have accomplished more, but am glad for what has been done. Hoping that the kind favor I have experienced heretofore may still be granted to me, I am now about to enter upon a more enlarged sphere, and hope my past experience may aid me to accomplish more than heretofore.

Yours Very Respectfully
Edwin Eells
U. S. Ind. Agent

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Edwin Eells. Esq.
S'kokomish.
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Sept. 23, 1882.

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Nov 16. 1882.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.
Cor. Sec. A. M. A.
Dear Sir
Will you have
the kindness to send me the
$100.00 due me Sept 1st.
Yours Fraternally
M. Eells.

Please send up this check.
We have the letter written.
E. M. H.

Rev. Myron Eells,
Spokomish, W.T.
Nov. 16, 1882.